



Invitation to the

Western Canadian Championships & Alberta Provincial Championships

February 24, 25 & 26

Hinton, Alberta

Hosted by the

Hinton Nordic Skiers

The community of Hinton and the Hinton Nordic Skiers invite you to a weekend of competition at the Hinton Nordic Centre. Come and take part in this year's Western Canadian Championships and Alberta Provincial Championships combined as athletes from all over converge on to our magnificent trails. This race will also be the last in our Calforex Cup Series.

See you at the Hinton Nordic Centre.

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Organizing committee

Race Chairperson: Louis Corbeil
Competition Chief – Richard Briand
Chief of Timing –Andy Holmwood
Chief of Course – Christian Weik
Chief of Stadium – Terry Dodge
Chief of Range – Garry Scaffel
Competition Secretary – Kim Tew
Volunteer Coordinator – Cyara Dodge/Darla Walker
Technical Delegate for Biathlon Canada: Tony Tsang

Questions should be directed to Louis Corbeil at rdlc@telus.net

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Registrations online with: Zone4.ca

Note: changes in weather or facilities may change the type of competition.

Back up site: None.

Eligibility

All 2016-17 members of Biathlon Canada Divisions are eligible to participate in the classes as authorized by the current IBU rules and Canadian and Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policies.

Foreign athletes may also compete, provided they are members of their respective National Biathlon Federation. Foreign athletes are not, however, eligible for medals.

Rules

This event is held in accordance with the 2016 IBU rules and Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy (Canadian Championships and Eastern and Western Championships) dated 30 April 2016.

In conformance with Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy 4.1.4. Firearms Permits, it is mandatory that all athletes (Biathlon Canada Classes per Annex A-2) have in their possession, and be able to show upon request, their PAL or Minor's License. All Competitors must comply with Canadian firearms laws and their provincial/territorial firearms regulations.

Medal Categories

This event combines the Western Canadian Championships and the Alberta Championships. Both the Mass Start and Sprint competitions will award medals for both championships. Please be aware of the following:

- Western Canadian Championship categories include all categories listed on the Page 7 table. Western Canadian Championship medals will be awarded to the top three Master Men and top three Master women *without regard* to their 35+ or 45+ designation.
- Alberta Provincial Championship categories include all categories listed on the Page 8 table. Athletes in these categories will also receive Calforex Cup points as per Calforex Cup policy.



Registration

Register online at www.zone4.ca – Event Registration. Payment must be made using a credit card. (No cheques, phone, fax, e-mail, in-person, team lists, or manual entries.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Wednesday, February 22nd at 23:59 MST.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSE DATE AND TIME!

Registration Fees:

Master Men, Master Women, Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, Youth Men, Youth Women, Sport Men, Sport Women, Senior Boys, Senior Girls	\$37.00 per day , plus on-line service charge (includes trail passes for unofficial training day and two competition days).
Air Rifle 1 Boys, Air Rifle 1 Girls, Air Rifle 2 Boys, Air Rifle 2 Girls, Dev 1 Boys, Dev 1 Girls, Junior*/Dev 2 Boys, Junior*/Dev 2 Girls	\$23.00 per day , plus on-line service charge (includes trails pass fees for unofficial training day and two competition days)

*Junior Boys/Girls are athletes born 2002 and after; these athletes are eligible for Western Championship medals in a combined Junior/Dev 2 category.

Additional day passes for the Hinton Nordic Centre can be purchased online at www.zone4.ca. Go to Online Registration, Club Registrations, Hinton Nordic is third from the top at present; there are charges for the online service.

Hinton Nordic is encouraging that coaches provide background highlights of each of their athletes to be shared during the race commentaries. These may be emailed to Louis Corbeil (rdlc@telus.net) prior to the race weekend or submitted in written form at the Captain's Meeting.

Cancellation Policy:

If an event is cancelled prior to the weekend of competition (Thursday or earlier) due to anticipated or prevailing weather conditions, competitors will receive a 50% refund of registration fees. If competitions are postponed or cancelled on the weekend of the event, no refund of registration fees will be made.

How to get to Hinton (Athabasca Lookout) Nordic Centre?

- Head west out of Hinton on Hwy. 16 (Jasper direction)
- Turn right (north) on Hwy. 40 (Grande Cache direction)
- Look for the sign, about 10 km after turn on to Hwy.40
- Turn left 1 km after sign
- Once on the gravel road, take first right
- For safety reasons, please back in to parking space



Awards Banquet:

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening, February 25, at the **Hinton Center** for competitors, family members, volunteers and friends.

Banquet tickets can be purchased for **\$28/ADULT** and **\$20.00/U15** (must be purchased online at www.zone4.ca).

Doors open at 5:30 / Supper at 6:00 / Awards at 7:15

Directions: Located at 965 Switzer Drive. As you come into Hinton (west bound), turn left on Switzer Drive (at the first set of traffic lights by the Fas Gas). The **Hinton Centre** is at the bottom of the hill on the right-hand side. Take the “jug handle” on the right near the bottom of the hill and stay right.

Other:

Water: Please ensure you bring sufficient water for the day. **There will be some drinking water on site.**

Waxing: We have limited waxing facilities on site. Plug-ins can also be found around the main chalet. No wax benches are available.

Competition Office: Located in the timing hut across from the main chalet.

Stadium and Race Course Maps: Will be provided at the Captain’s meeting, will be posted at the chalet Friday morning and available for viewing at www.hintonnordic.ca.

Captain’s Meeting: The Team Captain’s Meeting will be held at the **École Mountain View School** at 7:00pm, Friday, February 24.

École Mountain View School: Located at 141 McLeod Ave. As you come in to Hinton (west bound) turn left on Switzer Drive (at the first set of lights). The second right hand turn is McLeod Ave. Turn right. The school is 200m away on the left side.

Meals: There will be a concession on site for both days of the competition.

Accommodations:

Please refer to the Town of Hinton web site for information on accommodations and restaurants at www.hinton.ca.



Competitions: Mass Start and Sprint

Schedule of Events:

Friday, February 24:

10:00	Unofficial practice for all competitors (race maps will be posted)
13:00	Range opens (Unofficial Practice)
16:00	Range closed
19:00	Team Captain's meeting and Jury Election at École Mountain View School (directions to office are on page 3)

Saturday, February 25:

Mass Start Competition

08:30	Competition Office Opens – Bib pickup by team before zero
09:45	Equipment check opens
10:00	Zero begins – All Categories
10:45	Zero ends
10:50	Singing of our National Anthem (official opening)
11:00	Competition begins
18:00	Banquet - Awards for Mass Start competition will be presented at the banquet.

Sunday, February 26:

Sprint Competition

08:00	Competition Office Opens – Bib pickup by team before zero
08:45	Equipment check opens
09:00	Zero begins – All Categories
09:45	Zero Ends
10:00	Competition begins

Awards on site when the results become final.

Shot Penalty:

- Mass Start: Air Rifle 1, Air Rifle 2, Dev1 and Dev2 ski a 100m penalty loop for each missed shot. All other classes ski a 150 m penalty loop for each missed shot.
- Sprint: Air Rifle 1, Air Rifle 2, Dev1 and Dev2 ski a 100m penalty loop for each missed shot. All other classes ski a 150 m penalty loop for each missed shot.

Rifle Carrying:

- Dev and Air Rifle categories athletes shall have their rifles placed on and removed from the firing line by their coaches.
- Senior Boys/Girls carry their rifles only on the range. Coaches are responsible to provide their own "rifle runners".



Classes & Types of Competitions – Western Championships

Class	Age	Mass Start	Sprint
IBU & Biathlon Canada Classes – eligible for Western Championships medals			
Men	21+	15 km PPSS	10 km PS
Women	21+	12.5 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Junior Men	19 – 20	12.5 km PPSS	10 km PS
Junior Women	19 – 20	10 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Youth Men	16 – 18 ¹	10 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Youth Women	16 – 18 ¹	7.5 km PPSS	6 km PS
Senior Boys	15-16	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS
Senior Girls	15-16	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS
Junior Boys	14 and under	5 km PPP	3.75 PP
Junior Girls	14 and under	5 km PPP	3.75 PP
Masters Men	35+	7.5 km PPSS	6 km PS
Masters Women	35+	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS

¹ See [Biathlon Canada Hosting Policy](#) Annexes A-2 for Classes, age specifications and notes.



Classes & Types of Competitions – Alberta Championships

Class	Age	Mass Start	Sprint
Biathlon Alberta Classes – eligible for Alberta Championships medals			
Men	21+	15 km PPSS	10 km PS
Women	21+	12.5 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Junior Men	19 – 20	12.5 km PPSS	10 km PS
Junior Women	19 – 20	10 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Youth Men	16 – 18 ¹	10 km PPSS	7.5 km PS
Youth Women	16 – 18 ¹	7.5 km PPSS	6 km PS
Senior Boys	15-16	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS
Senior Girls	15-16	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS
Dev 2 Boys	Under 17	5 km PPP	3.75 km PP
Dev 2 Girls	Under 17	5 km PPP	3.75 km PP
Dev 1 Boys/Girls	Under 15	4 km PPP	3 km PP
Air Rifle 2 Boys/Girls	Under 15	4 km PPP	3 km PP
Air Rifle 1 Boys/Girls	Under 15	3 km PPP	2.25 km PP
Sport Men	17+	7.5 km PPSS	6 km PS
Sport Women	17+	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS
Masters Men	35+	7.5 km PPSS	6 km PS
Masters Women	35+	6.25 km PPSS	6 km PS

¹ See [Biathlon Alberta Hosting Policy](#) Annex D for Classes, age specifications and notes.



CALFOREX CUP CATEGORIES – 2016/2017

Category Age Range Shooting Regulations

Air Rifle 1	U15 athletes shoot on big targets at 10m + rest
Air Rifle 2	U15 athletes shoot on small targets at 10m + rest
Dev 1	U17 athletes shoot prone, 50m, rest permitted
Dev 2	U17 athletes shoot prone, 50m, no rest
Senior Boys	U17 athletes shoot prone + standing, rifle drill
Senior Girls	U17 athletes shoot prone + standing, rifle drill
Sport Men	17+ athletes shoot prone + standing, full carry
Sport Women	17+ athletes shoot prone + standing, full carry
Youth Men	17-18 as per IBU regulations
Youth Women	17-18 as per IBU regulations
Junior Men	19-20 as per IBU regulations
Junior Women	19-20 as per IBU regulations
Men	21+ as per IBU regulations
Women	21+ as per IBU regulations
Master Men	35+ as per BiCAN regulations
Master Women	35+ as per BiCAN regulations

Notes:

- **Under 17:** Any person under the age of 17 may compete in these categories
- **Under 15:** Any person under the age of 15 may compete in these categories
- Age, for all categories, as of December 31st, 2016
- Boys and girls compete together in Air Rifle and Dev 1 categories, but are awarded separate medals and Alberta Cup Points.